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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Specification:

On page ~~1~~, after the Title and before the Background of the Invention, please insert the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of and claims priority from co-pending application ~~now U.S. Patent 6,238,799~~  
U.S.S.N. 08/796,987, filed February 2, 1997, and entitled "Water-Based Hydrophilic Coating Compositions and Articles Prepared Therefrom," the entirety of which is incorporated by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 1 with the following replacement paragraph:

The functional moiety may be selected from the group consisting of amino, hydroxyl, amido, carboxylic acid and derivatives thereof, sulfhydryl (SH), unsaturated carbon bond and heteroatom bonds, N-COOH, N(C=O)H, S(OR), alkyd/dry resin, formaldehyde condensate ,